

TRIBUTE TO MR. JACK
FITZGERALD

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the leadership of Jack Fitzgerald and the efforts of Fitzgerald Auto Mall. Working in concert with the National Safe Kids Campaign, police, fire and rescue officials, and the Montgomery County Maryland Office of Consumer Affairs, they have worked diligently to ensure that child safety seats have been installed in vehicles correctly. Today, at Fitzgerald Auto Mall, the 20,000th child safety seat inspection will be performed.

Nearly 90% of the child safety seats that have been inspected at Fitzgerald Auto Mall found incorrect installations—some with multiple errors. In addition to those who made the inspections and corrections, I would like to recognize those 20,000 families who came to get their child safety seats checked. It is a testament to the active and concerned citizenry that helps make our community unique. We cannot accurately say how many lives have been saved through this effort, but without a doubt, vehicles and families are now safer because of it.

Let us all hope that tens of thousands more will follow the lead of this first 20,000, and I salute Fitzgerald Auto Mall and all the community leaders who have worked so tirelessly in this effort.

**TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPT. 11,
2001**

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday our nation commemorated the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. While these attacks were committed on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, they were in fact directed at our nation as a whole. Our freedom, our way of life, the very foundations of our great democracy, were ruthlessly targeted by an unprecedented force of evil. Now, one year later, our nation is stronger and more unified than ever to rid the world of terrorism in all of its forms, as well as its root causes including poverty, injustice, and despair. It is my sincere hope that America never forgets the terrible atrocities committed within our borders. These acts were a direct attack upon freedom loving people everywhere and we have a duty to ensure that freedom and democracy prevail in this struggle against tyranny and oppression.

**YELLOW RIBBON YOUTH SUICIDE
AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
WEEK IN PENNSYLVANIA**

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the fight

against suicide. Suicide takes the lives of over 30,000 Americans each year. Last year, September 16-22, was designated as the Yellow Ribbon Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Week in Pennsylvania. This week brought community awareness to suicide, helped educate the public about suicide prevention techniques and brought together families who have lost loved ones to suicide.

Suicide prevention efforts are an important factor in reducing the amount of suicides in this country. More people die from suicide than from homicide each year. The Yellow Ribbon Program has helped people of all ages ask for help during their most desperate times.

Members of Congress and communities throughout the country have supported this organization. Please join me in recognizing this important group and the important role it has provided in preventing suicides.

**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY**

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, citizens across central New Jersey and the Nation will pause on National POW/MIA Recognition Day to reflect on the heroism of the thousands of Americans who endured the hardship of enemy confinement, and those who are missing and whose fate remains unknown. I'm proud to join them in observing this important and solemn occasion and to say thanks to those who have made this sacrifice.

Especially now, at this difficult time in our nation's history, we must remember, that for some brave families, especially the families of our missing, the war is never over. Many of us have read recently about the questions of the fate of one of our service people from the Gulf War, Navy Pilot Scott Speicher. For his family and others this day is especially important. While our government is still making every effort to account for our soldiers, there are still 88,000 of our fellow citizens are missing in action from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War and the Vietnam War. As a nation, we must do all that we can to continue to honor them and to account for them.

In central New Jersey, and the country, offices, schools and businesses will fly the POW/MIA flag. It will fly at national and military cemeteries and here, in the Capitol Rotunda, the most honored place in this historic seat of our government.

This nation has not forgotten its obligation to former POWs and those who are still missing in action. As people gather today for patriotic ceremonies and speeches to commemorate our POW/MIA's, America's commitment to them remains strong.

I hope my colleagues will join me in marking National POW/MIA recognition day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to participate in the following votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

September 12, 2002: rollcall vote 385, on motion to go to conference, I would have voted "yea"; rollcall vote 386, on approving the journal, I would have voted "yea."

September 18, 2002: rollcall vote 391, on agreeing to H. Res. 528, I would have voted "yea."

**AMERICAN FRONTIERS: A PUBLIC
LANDS JOURNEY**

HON. C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. OTTER. Mr. Speaker, Idaho is blessed with a variety of natural resources, many of them located on public lands. We also are blessed with a diverse array of recreational choices, many of which also are available on public lands. Over 63 percent of Idaho is public land. Tens of thousand of visitors to our state each year are drawn by the beauty of those lands and by opportunities to drive Idaho's byways, camp, ski, hike, hunt, river raft or enjoy a host of other activities. America's public lands are an important legacy that belongs to all citizens. Recognizing that fact, Idaho recently hosted a special expedition called American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey, which is drawing attention to this special legacy. This 3,200-mile journey by two teams of adventurers is helping to educate schoolchildren about public lands and bringing all of us the opportunity to better understand the way these lands help shape the West. I encourage people to visit the special Web site that chronicles this amazing interactive journey, at www.americanfrontiers.net. The dispatches from the trail recount stories in Idaho ranging from encounters with grazing sheep and their shepherds to a "town" with a winter population of one person. All of the trekkers were impressed, most of all, with Idaho's vast beauty. As one of them observed: "The view across the meadow to the mountains is stunning. We see and hear three sandhill cranes flying overhead. The whole scene seems like right out of a movie." I commend the Public Lands Interpretive Association for organizing this effort. And I congratulate the individuals who will complete this two-month journey on September 28 in Salt Lake City!

RACING REMEMBERS

HON. ERNIE FLETCHER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Mr. FLETCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor for me to recognize the American racing industry for its response to the terrible tragedies our nation suffered a year ago. I am deeply